

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Marshall	:	Group Art Unit: 4172
Serial No.: 10/649,392	:	Examiner: Hao Fu
Filed: August 26, 2003	:	Attorney Docket No.: 006878.115301
For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING	:	
DEFAULT PROTECTION IN	:	
CONNECTION WITH A DEFERRED	:	
COMPENSATION PLAN		

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 31, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The October 31, 2007 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by January 31, 2008. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a reply is now due by April 30, 2008 and this Amendment is being timely filed.